FILM: Triple Divide
Investigative Journalism Seeking Truth about the Impacts of Fracking
Saturday, September 21, 7:00 pm

Journalists Joshua Pribanic and Melissa Troutman interviewed industry giants and advocates, studied exclusive reports with impacted landowners, and uncovered state documents and expert testimonies on their journey to explore the fracking industry and shed light on fracking impact on our drinking water. Joshua and Melissa will be present for a Q&A along with Nadia Steinzor from Earthworks.

FILM: Bidder 70
Saturday, October 12, 7:00 pm

Bidder 70 highlights the remarkable story of Tim DeChristopher who, on December 19, 2008 protested the leasing of thousands of acres of pristine Utah land to oil and gas companies. Registered as bidder #70, and without corporate funding, Tim outbid industry giants on land parcels adjacent to national treasures like Canyonlands National Park. Unable to pay for these public lands, Tim DeChristopher was sentenced to serve 2 years in Federal Prison. He was released April 2013.

Gasland II is a deeper look into the complexities of fracking. Director Josh Fox explores the gas industry and its portrayal of natural gas as a safe and clean alternative to oil. This film provides a comprehensive look at fracking and its impact on individual lives, environmental devastation, political corruption, and climate change.

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Why should Greater Clevelanders be concerned about Fracking?
Alison Auciello, Food & Water Watch
Thursday, September 12, 7:00 pm

Food & Water Watch is a non-profit organization that advocates for common sense policies that will result in healthy, safe food and access to safe and affordable drinking water. Alison Auciello is the Food & Water Watch organizer for Ohio. She has worked extensively with city governments and environmental protection groups advocating for policies that protect our communities from the damaging effects of fracking.

The Health Impact of Fracking on Communities
Dr. Deborah Cowden, MD
Thursday, September 19, 7:00 pm

Dr. Cowden is a Family Physician and President of the Greene County Medical Society. She presents information related to the serious health effects from the air contamination caused by horizontal hydraulic fracturing. She reviews a study in which the air pollution caused by fracking was directly measured at multiple sites in Colorado, using EPA methods and EPA certified labs. In addition she has spoken about hydrogen sulfide as related to oil and gas drilling. Dr. Cowden has spoken on these topic at public forums throughout Ohio.

How Citizens Can Effect Legislation From the Ground Up
Doug Shields, Pittsburgh City Council
Thursday, September 26, 7:00 pm

As a former President of Pittsburgh City Council, Doug Shields successfully campaigned to ban fracking within Pittsburgh city limits in 2010. Doug will talk about the community rights ordinance that he introduced and how activists can work with government agencies in their own communities to keep their cities clean, healthy, and safe.

Can Off Shore Wind on Lake Erie Help Meet our Energy Needs?
Dr. Lorry Wagner, LEEDCo
Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation
Thursday, October 3, 7:00 pm

LEEDCo is a regional non-profit and economic development organization building an offshore wind energy industry in Ohio. Their mission is to help stimulate an entire offshore freshwater wind industry rooted in Cleveland and Lake Erie. LEEDCo initiatives and their support spans Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, and Lorain Counties. Dr. Lorry Wagner, a seasoned wind energy engineer and a longstanding member of the Great Lakes Energy Development Task Force, is well suited to serve as president of the Cleveland-based Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation.

How Can Solar Power Keep Us Energized in Northeast Ohio?
Alan Frasz, Dovetail Solar & Wind
Thursday, October 10, 7:00 pm

Alan Frasz, President and principal owner of Cleveland based Dovetail Solar and Wind, will talk about the opportunities for solar energy in Ohio. Dovetail is one of Ohio’s oldest and largest renewable energy system installers. Alan has been meeting with law makers to educate them on why renewables are a great investment for creating jobs, economic value and for reducing our environmental impact.

Ohio: Dumping Ground for Out of State Fracking Waste.
Teresa Mills, Buckeye Forest Council
Thursday, October 24, 7:00 pm

Teresa Mills will talk about Ohio’s current practice of disposing fracking waste in Class II injection wells. What are the long term implications of storing this waste fluid in Ohio? How is this process regulated? What are the alternatives?

West Shore FaCT is part of a larger group, FaCT, “Faith Communities Together for Frack Awareness.” FaCT’s participants come from more than 40 faith communities in Ohio and West Virginia including people from more than ten faith traditions. We’re working together to protect our earth. To learn more, visit our website at www.westshorefact.org.